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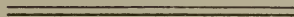
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INTERPRETATION CLAUSE.

In these rules (including this rule) the following expressions have the meaning following, unless there is anything in the context inconsistent therewith :—

“ Central Board ” (24), “ Central Offices ” (20, 4), “ Congress ” (14), “ General Secretary ” (43), “ Office Committee ” (40), “ Section ” (24), “ Society ” (6), and “ United Board ” (32), have the meanings expressed in the rules referred to under them respectively :—

The “ Committee ” means the directing executive of any society under whatsoever name ;

“ Conference Association ” means a group of societies, whether exclusively composed of members of this Union or not, which are united for co-operative purposes in connection with any Section ;

“ Sectional District ” means the local district assigned to any section of the Central Board under Rule 25 ;

“ The Union ” means the Co-operative Union Limited ;

Words expressing the plural number shall apply to one person or thing, and the converse : and the words expressing the masculine gender shall apply to a female.

I.—NAME AND OBJECTS AND OFFICE.

1. *The Name* of the society is THE CO-OPERATIVE UNION LIMITED.

2. The objects of the Union are to carry on the trades and businesses of accountants, booksellers, commercial and general advisers, publishers, and arbiters in matters of dispute arising between societies which cannot be settled locally, and of propagating co-operative principles and ideas, and the organising of co-operative work in all its branches, whether such work be in connection with industries, trades, or business, or for the promotion of education and other objects and purposes of a similar character. The Union shall have full powers to do all things necessary or expedient for the accomplishment of all objects specified in its rules, including the power to purchase, hold, sell, exchange, mortgage, rent, lease, sub-lease, lands of any tenure, and to erect, pull down, repair, alter, or otherwise deal with any building thereon.

3. *The Registered Office* of the Union is at Holyoake House, Hanover Street, Manchester, in the county of Lancaster. The Office may be changed by a resolution of the United Board. The Rules of the Union shall be recorded in Scotland and Ireland.

4. *Removal of Office to be notified.*—Notice of any removal of the office of the Union shall be sent to the Registrar of Friendly Societies within fourteen days after such change, or such other time as may be required by the Treasury Regulations, and in manner and form thereby prescribed.

5. *Books of Accounts, &c., to be kept at Office.*—All books of accounts, securities, documents, and papers of the Union other than any (if such) as are directed by the committee to be kept elsewhere, shall be kept at the Registered Office, in such manner and with such provisions for their security as the United Board from time to time direct; and shall be open to inspection by the members as is hereinafter provided.

II.—MEMBERS AND SHARES.

6. *The Union shall consist* of all Industrial and Provident Societies, Joint Stock Companies, and other Bodies Corporate (all of which are hereinafter included in the term societies), which are members of the Co-operative Union when this amendment of rules is registered, or which may be hereafter admitted by the United Board. No individual member shall be admitted.

ADMISSION.

7. *Application for Admission* shall be made in writing, in such form as the United Board may prescribe from time to time, signed by the secretary of the society, to the General Secretary, who may provisionally admit the applicant, subject in all cases to approval at the next meeting of the United Board.

8. *Each Applicant for Admission* shall be deemed by such application to accept as the principles by which all its business transactions shall be guided—the desire to promote the practice of truthfulness, justice, and economy, in production and exchange—

(1) By the abolition of false dealings, either—

(a) *Direct*, by representing any article produced or sold to be other than what it is known to the producer or vendor to be ; or

(b) *Indirect*, by concealing from the purchaser any fact known to the vendor material to be known by the purchaser, to enable him to judge of the value of the article purchased.

(2) By conciliating the conflicting interests of the capitalist, the worker, and the purchaser, through the equitable division among them of the fund commonly known as *Profit*.

(3) By preventing the waste of labour now caused by unregulated competition.

9. *No Society shall be Admitted* into the Union unless its management is of a representative character. No society shall be allowed to remain in membership with the Union that does not conform to the aims and decisions of the Union.

SHARES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

10 (1) *Every Member of the Union* shall hold one share, and not more than one.

(2) On and after January 1st, 1912, every society shall, so long as it continues a member of the Union, make an annual contribution to the funds of the Union, and such contribution shall be in the case of distributive retail societies at the rate of 1¼d. in respect to each member of each such society, and shall be calculated according to the number of members returned by each society in its last annual return to the Registrar. The United Board shall decide the rate or rates of contributions payable upon membership by the various classes of co-operative societies other than distributive societies, whether the same be federated, productive, agricultural, or any other form whatsoever, or whether the same be a central organisation composed of other societies or not.

11. (1) *The Contributions aforesaid* shall be payable quarterly in equal sums, but may be paid wholly in the first quarter of the Congress year.

(2) The Congress year shall commence on the 1st of January of each year, and end on the 31st of December.

(3) A society admitted in any quarter after the first shall pay during that year only the contributions due for the then remaining quarters.

(4) The Union may receive from its members or other persons subscriptions or donations in aid of its operations ; but no such payment shall give to the payer any right not expressed by the rules.

12. (1) *The Shares of the Union* shall be of the nominal value of 5s. each, which shall be paid out of the first contributions received from the respective societies.

(2) The shares allotted to societies shall be held in their corporate names, attested as the United Board directs from time to time.

(3) The shares shall be transferable only, and shall be registered in the names of their respective holders, and transferred, with the consent of the United Board, in the form contained in the Appendix.

(4) No share shall carry any interest or confer any right to dividend.

WITHDRAWALS.

13. (1) A society may withdraw from the Union by a notice in writing sent to the Central Office, under the seal of the society, and otherwise attested as is required by Rule 12 (2), and the payment of all contributions due from it up to the end of the financial year.

(2) A society which goes or is put into liquidation shall be deemed to have withdrawn.

(3) A society in arrears of its contributions for eight quarters may be excluded from the Union by a resolution of the United Board, without prejudice to any proceedings that may be taken against it for the recovery of the arrears due from it.

(4) A society which may by the United Board be deemed guilty of conduct detrimental to the Union or to the movement generally, may be excluded from the Union by the resolution of any Congress, of which due notice has been given in the report of the Central Board to Congress, and in regard to which the offending society has been notified not less than one month previous to the sitting of the Congress.

(5) Upon the withdrawal of or exclusion of a society its share shall be forfeited and extinguished.

III.—GOVERNMENT.

CONGRESS.

14. *The Union shall be governed* by a general meeting, herein called the Congress, which shall be held annually, at such time and place as may be determined by the preceding Congress, or under its authority and subject thereto, the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, in Whit-week.

15. *The Congress shall consist of—*

(a) All members of the various sections of the Central Board who hold office at the time when the Congress is held ;

(b) The representatives of the Conference Associations appointed in accordance with Rule 19 ;

(c) Delegates from societies members of the Union which subscribe to its funds not less than the amount required by Rule 10 (2).

Each society entitled to appoint delegates under clause (c) shall be entitled to send delegates to Congress as under :—Societies with a membership not exceeding 1,000, one delegate ; societies with a membership exceeding 1,000, one delegate for each 1,000 members or fraction thereof up to 6,000. The maximum number of delegates which may be appointed to represent any one society shall not exceed six.

(d) A society consisting of other societies shall be allowed such number of delegates as the United Board or Central Board may authorise.

16. *A seat on the Central Board* shall not disqualify any person from representing a society at Congress.

17. Except in the case of a delegate appointed under the provisions of Rule 15 (b) and (d), a delegate must be a member of the society which he is appointed to represent, and must have been a member of such society for the twelve months previous to his appointment as delegate.

18. Each delegate representative of Conference Association, or member of the Central Board, shall have one vote, and each society entitled to send a delegate to Congress shall have one vote for each 1,000 members on which it contributes payment at the rate prescribed in Rule 10, clause (2). The full voting power of a society under this rule may be exercised by one delegate sent by such society, if no additional delegates are sent, but if more than one delegate is appointed (to any number not exceeding six), then the voting power to which the society is entitled may be distributed amongst such delegates not exceeding six in number.

19. *Conference Associations* may, with the consent of the section of the district in which any such association is situated, testified under the hand of the secretary of the section, send to the next following Congress a delegate, who shall be entitled to take part therein as if such conference were a member of the Union. Any delegate appointed by a Conference Association under the provisions of this rule must be a member of the Committee of the Association, and also a member of some society which is a member of the Co-operative Union.

CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES.

20. (1) *There shall be sent*, not later than the first week of each month of April, to every member of the Union and every Conference Association entitled as aforesaid to send a delegate thereto, a notice, stating—

(a) The date and place of meeting of the Congress ;

(b) The qualification of a delegate under Rules 17 and 19.

(c) The manner in which the delegates are to be elected ;

(d) In the case of a society, the number of delegates which it is entitled to send to the Congress, and the number of votes which it is entitled to give.

(2) *The Notice shall be accompanied by a form for returning the names of the delegates.*

(3) *Delegates may be appointed by resolution either of the committee of management or of a general meeting of the society or Conference Association. If a society appoints as a delegate a person who is not a qualified member of such society, and if a District Committee appoints any person who is not qualified in accordance with Rule 19, or if, after the appointment has been duly made, the delegate's credential is handed over to and used by an unqualified person, then such credential shall be cancelled by the General Secretary or his acting deputy, and the matter by him reported to Congress.*

The mode of appointment being in each case notified on the forms on which the names of the delegates are returned.

(4) *A Statement of the Name and postal address of each delegate appointed, and the authority by which the appointment has been made, shall be delivered at the Registered Office of the Union, hereafter called the Central Office, not later than the fourth Friday before the first day of the meeting of Congress, on the form above mentioned, duly filled up, and attested by the signatures of the secretary and two members of the committee of the society represented.*

(5) *A Society which has appointed fewer Delegates than it is entitled to have, may, at any time previous to the fourth Friday aforesaid, appoint additional delegates to any number not exceeding, with the delegates previously appointed, the total number that it is entitled to appoint, and shall on application to the Central Office be supplied with an additional form for this purpose.*

(6) *Each form shall bear externally the name of the society or Conference Association to which it is supplied, and if it is received at the Central Office after six p.m. on the fourth Friday aforesaid, shall be returned unopened.*

(7) *The General Secretary shall*, at least seven days previous to each Congress, send by post to each delegate appointed, at the address mentioned in the notice of his appointment, a delegate's card, filled up with his name.

(8) *If a Delegate appointed is unable to attend Congress*, his card may be transferred to any other person nominated by the committee of the society by whom the appointment is made, provided that such nomination is communicated to the General Secretary, in writing, before the first sitting of the Congress.

(9) *No Delegates' cards* shall be issued otherwise than in accordance with the above rules (1) to (7).

(10) *Delegates shall be admitted* to the Congress only on presenting the attendance card as provided by clause (11).

(11) *The Delegates' Cards* shall be numbered continuously, and shall be exchanged on application at the office of the Congress for an attendance card, bearing the same number as the delegate's card, and so stamped or otherwise distinguished as the United Board directs from time to time.

PROCEEDINGS AT CONGRESS.

21. *The Congress shall have two Sittings* in each day, in the morning and afternoon, at such times as the United Board fix, subject to any resolution of the Congress itself.

22. *The Chairman of Congress* shall be appointed by the United Board, who shall also appoint a deputy chairman to act in the absence of the chairman.

23. *Subject to any resolution of the Congress for the time being, the Proceedings of the Congress* shall be regulated as follows :—

I. They shall include—

(1) The opening address ;

(2) The discussion of the report to be made by the Central Board ;

(3) The declaration of the election of the Central Board for the ensuing year ;

(4) The discussion of any papers, or proposals, directed or authorised by the United Board or the Central Board, or the Standing Orders Committee, to be brought before Congress ;

(5) The discussion by the Congress of any matters arising out of (2) and (4) ;

(6) The discussion of any subject or proposal adopted by any society, member of the Union, either in general meeting or by its committee, and sent to the Central Office not later than seven weeks before the first day of Congress; the proposal to be endorsed by the signatures of three committee-men and the secretary of the society which sends it. All such proposals shall be submitted to the United Board or Office Committee, and they shall have power to decide whether such subjects and proposals come within the scope of Congress business or not, and their decision on this matter shall be final. If approved by the United Board or Office Committee, the proposals sent in shall be included in the programme and papers, and sent out to delegates.

II. (a) *A Standing Orders Committee* shall be appointed by or in such manner as the United Board directs from time to time, which shall regulate all matters requiring decision connected with the Congress proceedings. The committee shall meet at such time before the Congress as the United Board may fix, and shall keep minutes of their proceedings.

(b) At a meeting before Congress the United Board may prepare, or cause to be prepared, resolutions on the various matters which are dealt with in the Report of the Central Board, or in regard to any other proposals

which they may deem advisable to be brought before the Congress, or which may have been brought forward by any society entitled to be represented at the Congress in accordance with the provisions of Rule 23, I (6).

(c) Such resolutions, after being prepared by the United Board, shall be sent out to societies members of the Union, to be handed by them to the delegates appointed to represent them at Congress.

(d) Amendments to such resolutions may be moved at Congress, if sent in to the General Secretary by a society not less than ten clear days next before the first sitting of the Congress; or, if handed into the Standing Orders Committee in writing, signed by five delegates, representing five different societies, not later than twelve o'clock noon on the first day of Congress.

(e) Any five delegates acting on the authority and instructions of the members of the societies which they represent, conveyed and notified to the Standing Orders Committee by copy of such authority signed by the secretary on behalf of the respective societies may send in to the Standing Orders Committee resolutions on any matter of which mention is made in the Report of the Central Board, provided such resolutions are not in the form of an amendment to the Report; and may also send in notice of motion on any matter not dealt with in the Report, subject, however, in the last-named case, to the right of the Standing Orders Committee to decline to accept such notice of motion, if, in their opinion, the subject is one which ought not to be discussed by the Congress. All such resolutions must be received by the Standing Orders Committee not later than twelve o'clock noon on the first day of Congress, or they cannot be entertained.

(f) All resolutions or amendments received by the Standing Orders Committee, in accordance with clauses (d) and (e) of this rule, shall be read out to the Congress at the close of the morning sitting, and also displayed in a place accessible to all delegates.

(g) Whenever an amendment is made upon any motion, no second amendment shall be taken into consideration until the first amendment is disposed of. If an amendment be carried, it shall then become the substantive motion.

(h) No delegate shall be permitted to speak more than once on the same proposition, except the proposer, who shall have the right of reply before the proposition is put.

(i) Any debate may be closed by a resolution "That the question be now put" being moved, seconded, and carried, such resolution to be put to the meeting without debate; but no speech shall be interrupted for the purpose of proposing such a motion. Where an amendment is under discussion the motion shall apply only to that amendment, and shall not be taken on the main question until all amendments have been disposed of, unless the president is of opinion that the time has come when the main question may be fairly put.

(j) A resolution for the adjournment of any question may be moved by a delegate in a speech not exceeding three minutes, and if the motion be seconded, it shall be seconded without a speech, and put by the chairman without debate.

(k) When the president rises to speak, delegates shall immediately take their seats.

(l) Every resolution shall be put to the vote by a show of delegates' cards.

(m) Such number of tellers as may be required shall be appointed by Congress at the first business sitting.

(n) No motion to suspend a Standing Order, for the purpose of altering the order of business for the discussion of any particular subject, shall be received unless notice has been given in writing by not less than twenty delegates, each representing a separate society, and announced by the chairman before the close of the previous session; and should such motion be

defeated, no second motion to suspend the Standing Orders for the purpose of discussing the same subject shall be permitted.

III. *The Report of the Central Board*, with the accounts audited as hereinafter provided, together with all other papers or proposals to be discussed at Congress, shall be printed and sent out to societies, members of the Union, at least twenty-one days before the first day of Congress, with a request to the societies that their delegates be called together to discuss and receive instructions on the business set down for consideration. The report of the Central Board shall be considered after the delivery of the inaugural address and the reception of deputations. No amendments thereto shall be admitted but such as are sent in by any society endorsed as aforesaid to the General Secretary not later than ten days previous to the first day of Congress, and such amendments shall forthwith be sent out to the societies.

IV. *Deputations* from local institutions, trade unions, foreign societies, or any other bodies desirous of communicating with the Congress, shall be received by the Congress at such times and in such manner as the United Board fix.

V. *Votes of Thanks* other than that to the chairman shall be included in one resolution, in which the persons thanked may be separately named, but which shall be spoken to by a mover and seconder only, and shall be proposed on the third day immediately before the close of the Congress.

VI. *The Office Committee* during the month previous to any Congress, and the Standing Orders Committee during the sittings, may, at their discretion, grant tickets of admission to the Congress to any persons applying for the same, but such persons shall take no part in any discussion nor vote on any question unless leave to do so shall be granted by the chairman.

VII. *The time* allowed for reading a paper, or making any speech other than the opening address, shall not,

except by consent of the Congress, exceed the following limits :—

Any paper	30 minutes.
A reply by the writer of a paper .	10
Any speech in discussion	5
Any speech moving a resolution or amendment of which notice has been given	10
A reply by the mover of any resolution	5

VIII. *The Congress* may, by resolution of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting, expel any delegate whose conduct, either at Congress or in regard to the affairs of the Union, is deemed by Congress to be injurious to the Union; and any delegate so expelled shall be disqualified from taking part in the proceedings of Congress.

IV.—ADMINISTRATION.

THE CENTRAL BOARD.

24. *The affairs of the Union shall be administered* by a Central Board (which shall be the Committee of Management within the meaning of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1893), divided into such number of sections, with such number of members in each section, to which there shall be assigned such sectional districts as the Congress may direct from time to time, which, subject to such directions, shall be as follows :—

(1) *The Midland* : Number of members, 11. Limits : Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, so much of Derbyshire and Staffordshire as is south of a line drawn from Mansfield to Market Drayton, Shropshire, Warwickshire, so much of Worcestershire as is north of a line drawn from Ludlow to Stow-in-the-Wold, Northamptonshire, Huntingdonshire, and so much of Cambridgeshire as is north of a line drawn from Potton to Lynn Regis.

(2) *The Northern* : Number of members, 8. Limits : The town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and the counties of

Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, Westmorland, and the North Riding of Yorkshire.

(3) *The North-Western* : Number of members, 20. Limits : Lancashire, the West and East Ridings of Yorkshire, all Wales north of Montgomeryshire, Cheshire, and as much of Staffordshire and Derbyshire as lies to the north of a line drawn from Market Drayton to Mansfield.

(4) *The Scottish Section* : Number of members, 10. Limits : The whole of Scotland.

(5) *The Southern* : Number of members, 9. Limits : All counties south of the Thames and Bristol or Avon not included in the Western Sectional District, Middlesex, Hertfordshire, Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, so much of Cambridgeshire as is not included in the Midland Sectional District. Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Bedfordshire.

(6) *The Western* : Number of members, 6. Limits : The counties of Brecknock, Cardigan, Carmarthen, Glamorgan, Gloucester, Hereford, Monmouth, Montgomery, Pembroke, and Radnor.

(7) *The South-Western* : Number of members, 5. Limits : The counties of Cornwall, Devon, and Somerset.

(8) Societies situate in one sectional district may, by resolution of Congress, be transferred to another district at their request, and with the consent of both sections.

(9) Ireland : The affairs of the Co-operative Union in Ireland shall be administered by an executive committee of seven members, appointed as hereinafter mentioned, acting under the supervision and control of the United Board, who shall also appoint a representative to act with and as part of the committee. The executive committee for Ireland shall be deemed to be a "sectional board" in all matters except as regards representation on the United Board and its various committees, but its members shall not be reckoned as members of the Central Board, nor shall they be entitled

to attend the annual Congress, except as regards two of their number, to be appointed by the executive committee at its first meeting to be held after Congress in each year, who shall be deemed to be members of the Central Board for the year. The provisions of Rule 42 as regards payment of the Central Board shall apply to the members of the executive committee for Ireland.

MODE OF ELECTING THE CENTRAL BOARD.

25. *Subject to Rules 59 and 60*, and to the cases where hereafter a special provision is made under Rule 27, the members in each section, and the members of the executive committee for Ireland, shall be chosen as follows :—

26. A. *Nomination Papers—*

(1) In the course of the thirteenth week next preceding the Congress in each year there shall be sent to all the societies, members of the Union, which have duly contributed to its funds during the preceding Congress year, papers by which they may nominate candidates for their own section.

(2) Each such paper shall contain the names of all the then members of the section willing to be re-elected, with a statement of the number of meetings of the section attended by them respectively, and spaces for as many nominations as there are members to be elected for the sectional district in which the society is situate.

(3) The candidate must be a member of some society, member of the Union, belonging to the sectional district for which he is nominated, and resident in the section, and must have been a member of the society by which he is nominated for the twelve months previous to his nomination.

(4) Each nomination paper shall be signed by some person officially entitled to represent the society, and shall contain a statement of the place of residence of each candidate nominated other than any then member

of the Central Board, and that the signatory has ascertained his willingness to serve on the Board.

(5) Every such nomination paper or statement must be returned to the Central Office within one calendar month from the date on which it is issued ; otherwise it shall not be available for the ensuing election.

B. Voting Papers—

(6) From the nomination papers shall be prepared voting papers, of which one shall be sent to each society, member of the Union, which has contributed to its funds the sum required by Rule 10 during the Congress year preceding, and which shall respectively contain the names of all the candidates nominated for the sectional district in which the society is situate, arranged in alphabetical order, and of the society by which he is nominated, retiring members to be denoted by asterisk, subject to the provisions next following :—

I. If the candidates nominated by any section are fewer than the number of members to be elected therefor, the deficiency shall be made up by adding the names of all the existing members not included in the list.

II. The voting paper shall contain the name and the place of residence of each candidate, and a statement signed by the General Secretary that the persons whose names are contained therein have been duly nominated as candidates for the section in which the paper is to be used, and that it contains the names of all persons so nominated.

III. Subject to any directions given by the Congress, the Central Board, or the United Board, the voting papers shall be dealt with thus—

(a) They shall be enclosed in envelopes bearing the words “ Voting Paper only,” with the name of the section and the society for and by which the vote is given ;

(b) They shall be delivered to the scrutineers appointed as provided in these rules.

(7) The General Secretary shall send to each society, with the voting paper, the envelope wherein the same is to be delivered, which shall be returned to him at the Central Office not later than seven days before the first day of the Congress, and shall be delivered by him to the scrutineers unopened.

Votes—

(8) Each society may vote for each of any number of the candidates nominated for the section in which it votes, not greater than the number of the members for that section; and each such vote shall give to the candidate for whom it is recorded as many votes as are equal to the full voting power of the society.

(9) Each voting paper shall state the number of votes to which the society is entitled, which shall be in the same proportion as the voting power of each society at Congress, and such voting paper shall, on being returned to the Central Office, bear the signatures of two committee-men and the secretary of the society whose vote it records.

(10) Members of the Union whose official address is not within the United Kingdom shall be assigned, for the purpose of voting, to such sections as they may request on applying for admission to the Union; and in the absence of any such request shall be assigned to the Southern Section.

(11) The scrutiny of votes shall be conducted by the duly-appointed auditors of the Union, who shall meet at the Central Office for that purpose on the Tuesday preceding the first day of Congress, and the result of the voting shall be announced at the first sitting of Congress.

(12) In case of there being a tie in the voting for the election of a member of the Central Board, the names of two or more persons for whom the equal number of votes

have been recorded shall again be submitted for election to the societies in the section or district for which they are candidates.

27. (1) *Each section shall be at liberty* to determine the mode of election of members of the Central Board to be elected for it, by a resolution passed by an absolute majority of votes of all the societies in the sectional district entitled to vote, upon a plan to be submitted to them by the board of the section, on which the votes shall be given by voting papers.

(2) All such resolutions shall be registered as amendments of the rules of the Union.

(3) The papers required to give effect to any plan which may be so adopted shall be issued from the Central Office; and the United Board shall give such directions as may be necessary for carrying the plan out.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

23. Past members of the Central Board who have served not less than ten years each may be elected honorary members of the Board, subject to the following conditions:—

(a) They must be nominated by the United Board, and elected by the Congress annually.

(b) The United Board may elect honorary members, after nominations by their respective sections, till and subject to confirmation by the next Congress, provided the names of such persons have not been before the Congress for such a purpose and been rejected by it, provided always that no person shall again be eligible for election as an honorary member who has previously been thus elected and has since such election chosen to stand for election as an ordinary member of the Board.

(c) Honorary members shall be entitled to attend the meetings of their respective sections and the annual meetings of the Central Board and Congress;

but must pay their own expenses. If they attend meetings or conferences by special request of the section, they shall be paid expenses at the same rate as the ordinary members of the Board.

(d) Honorary members shall receive all notices of meetings, copies of minutes, Congress reports, &c., in the same way as ordinary members of the Board.

(e) Honorary members shall be entitled to speak at all the meetings which they may attend under clause (c), but shall not be allowed to vote.

MEETINGS OF THE CENTRAL BOARD.

29. (1) There shall be two regular annual meetings of the Board.

I. Immediately before each meeting of the Congress—

(a) All the members of the Board shall be summoned to meet at such time and place as the United Board may fix, for the purpose of settling the report to be laid before the Congress on matters connected with the operations of the Union, the sections, or any of its members during the past year, which shall be prepared by the General Secretary, after consultation with the members of the Board, as is provided by Rule 43 (6).

(b) At this meeting any member of the Board may bring before it any matter of which he has given notice at the Central Office not less than four weeks before the meeting, and which shall be circulated with the draft copies of the report as ultimately prepared by the General Secretary.

(c) The General Secretary shall have the same privilege.

(d) Any member of the Board may bring before the Congress any resolution of the Board from which he differs, if he has given at the meeting of the Board notice of his intention, but is otherwise considered honourably bound to acquiesce in the resolution of the majority.

II. During, or immediately after, the Congress there shall be held a meeting of all the members of the newly-elected Board—

(a) To consider the appointment and constitution of the various committees required for carrying on the work of the Union ; to appoint such committees direct, or otherwise authorise the United Board to make the necessary arrangements for the appointments.

(b) To transact any other business which may be referred to it by the Congress or the Central Board, or be brought before it by any member of the Board.

(2) A special meeting of the Central Board may be called by the United Board—

(a) For the removal of any member of the Board ;

(b) For any other purpose they deem advisable.

The vacancies occasioned by any such removal shall be filled as is provided by Rule 31.

THE SECTIONAL BOARDS.

30. (1) The Sectional Boards, subject to any limitations fixed from time to time by the Central and United Boards, have control of all work connected with the Union carried on within the limits of their respective sections. The expenditure on sectional work shall be, however, limited to the amounts fixed by the United Board for any financial year. Any question as to whether any work proposed to be done or carried on by a Sectional Board from time to time is, or is not, within the objects of the Union shall be decided by the United Board. The work of the Sectional Boards shall be limited to the areas respectively assigned to them by the rules of the Union. No Sectional Board shall have power to send a representative outside its own limits unless by the express authority of the Office Committee or United Board, except

to meetings of the Congress, Central Board, United Board, or committees appointed under the provisions of Rule 41.

(2) All members of each section shall, notwithstanding their independent election, be regarded as officers of the Congress, and honourably bound to carry out any line of policy adopted by it.

(3) The United Board may suspend from the discharge of his duties or may remove from office any member of any Sectional Board who has, by resolution of the Sectional Board to which he belongs, been judged guilty of injurious conduct. Any member removed from office shall be disqualified for a seat on the Board for a period of one year.

VACANCIES IN THE SECTIONS.

31. Vacancies occurring in the sections shall be filled as follows :—

(1) If at the last election any candidate not elected has obtained not less than 20 per cent of the total number of votes that could be obtained, the vacancy shall be filled up by appointing that candidate ; or, if there is more than one vacancy and more than one such candidate, those candidates in the order of the number of votes obtained by them respectively.

(2) A member of any Sectional Board shall be deemed to have vacated his office if he becomes a bankrupt, or makes any arrangements with his creditors ; or if, without the leave of the Board or some reason accepted by it as sufficient, he has absented himself from two successive meetings.

(3) A vacancy which cannot be thus filled up shall be filled by appointing the person whom the section in which the vacancy occurs recommend, if the election is sectional ; and whom the executive of the district recommend, if the election is made by any Conference Association ; and in default of any such recommendation, such person as the United Board select.

THE UNITED BOARD.

32. (1) The United Board shall consist of members appointed by the sections from their own body, of whom the North-Western Section shall appoint four; the Midland, Northern, Scottish, and Southern two each; and the Western and South-Western one each.

(2) The appointment shall be made at the first meeting of each section after any Congress, and shall continue till the next Congress; but the section by which any such representative is appointed may, if he is unable to attend any meeting of the United Board, substitute some other of its members for that occasion, and if any representative resigns his office, shall appoint a successor. The first meetings of each Sectional Board, at which the appointment of representatives to the United Board are to be made, shall be held within ten days of the last day of Congress, and the names of the persons appointed on the United Board, or any of the committees of the Union, shall be notified to the Central Office immediately after the meetings.

33. (1) The United Board shall hold its first meeting of the Congress year within one month after the last day of the preceding Congress, and afterwards shall meet in the months of September, November, January, March, and May, at such times and places as the United Board may fix from time to time. Special meetings of the United Board may be held whenever the Board deem them necessary.

(2) *A Chairman* for the year shall be elected at the first meeting of the Board, but if he is not present at any meeting it shall appoint its own chairman.

(3) *No subject* not on the programme of the Board shall be brought forward by any member other than the chairman, unless on notice in writing given to the chairman before the meeting begins by the member who desires to bring the matter forward.

(4) *No communication* shall be received from any Conference Association except by the authorisation of the section to which it belongs, or on the report of the Office Committee

34. *Notice of all meetings* of the United Board shall be sent to the registered address of each member of the Board fourteen days before the day of meeting, stating the subjects to be brought forward.

35. *No publication* shall be made in the name of the Union which has not been directed or authorised by the Congress, the Central Board, or the United Board.

36. The resolutions of the United Board shall be printed and published, and copies of them shall be sent out to each member of the Central Board, and also to the *Co-operative News* for publication, subject to any special reservation decided upon by the United Board.

37. *The Resolutions of each Section* shall be sent to the Central Office to be there filed, and shall be printed, and copies thereof shall be sent to each of the other sections; but they shall not be otherwise published without the authorisation of the United Board. The minutes of proceedings of all or any of the special committees of the Union appointed for such purposes as are the existing committees connected with education, propaganda, defence, credit, parliamentary, trade unions and co-operators, or any other committee which may hereafter be appointed by the United Board or Central Board, shall be printed and sent out to the members of the respective committees, and also to members of the United Board, but shall not be supplied to the Sectional Boards until they have been first submitted to the United Board for approval.

38. *The United Board shall publish*, at each of its ordinary meetings, in September and March, a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the income of the Union, and shall lay before each Congress a complete account of such receipts and expenditure for the year ending the 31st day of December then last, audited as is directed by Rule 51.

39. *The United Board*, subject to any resolution of the Congress or Central Board, shall—

(1) Control the disposal of the funds of the Union according to its rules ;

(2) Appoint and, if needful, remove all officers of the Union and fix their duties and salaries ;

(3) Determine any question as to the limits assigned to the several sections ;

(4) Fill up vacancies in the members of the sections in accordance with Rule 31 ;

(5) Have power to refer any subject, whether or not forming part of any matter specially referred to by the Congress or the Central Board, to any section, and to require a report thereon ;

(6) Appoint any committee, either of its own members or of any members of the Central Board, for any purposes connected with the operations of the Union that it may think expedient, with such powers, within the limits of its own authority, as it may think fit ;

(7) Publish, or authorise the publication, in the name of the Union, of any works of which it may approve ;

(8) Transact any other business, or do or authorise any other matters or things which it may consider to be conducive to the welfare of the Union and the proper conduct of its operations ;

And all resolutions of the United Board within the limits of its powers hereby given shall be binding on all members of the Union to the same extent as if they had been resolutions of the Congress.

THE OFFICE COMMITTEE.

40. (1) During the intervals of the meetings of the United Board, the operations of the Union shall be conducted by a body to be called the Office Committee,

which shall be appointed by and from the members of the United Board, and shall consist of one member from each Sectional Board.

The Office Committee shall constitute the permanent executive of the United Board.

(2) *The Office Committee—*

(a) *Shall make* to each meeting of the United Board a report which shall be drawn by the General Secretary and signed by him in the name of the committee, after it has been settled by them, and shall state the matters to be brought before the Board either for its information or decision ;

(b) *May refer* to the Central Board any matter arising subsequently to the last meeting of the United Board, consequent upon any resolution of such meeting ;

(c) *May appoint* from its own members an executive sub-committee, to which it may delegate any of its functions as an executive, and which shall report its proceedings regularly to the committee.

PERMANENT AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

41. Committees may, from time to time, be appointed by the Congress, the Central Board, or the United Board, for special work, and such committees may be either entirely constituted of members of the Central Board, or may consist of representatives of the Co-operative Union, appointed to act with representatives of other bodies. In the case of committees consisting entirely of members of the Central Board, such committees shall report regularly to the United Board, and shall be subject to the control of that Board in all matters of expenditure, which shall not exceed the amounts authorised from time to time by the United Board. In matters of policy and scope of work, such committees shall be governed by the

scope of the resolution which appoints them, which may be varied from time to time by the Congress, the Central Board, or the United Board, and in the absence of any such resolution shall be subject to the United Board. In the case of Joint Committees on which representatives of the Union act with representatives of other bodies, the expenses incurred by the representatives of the Union shall be controlled by the United Board, but otherwise the policy and work of such committees shall be subject only to resolutions which may be passed by the Congress from time to time.

PAYMENT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD.

42. *The following sums shall be allowed to the members of the Central Board :—*

(1) To the members of each section for attendance at the sectional meetings, third-class return fares and a travelling allowance at the rate of one halfpenny per mile, and 2s. 6d. to cover expenses ;

(2) To the members of the United Board, and also to the members of any committee constituted by the Congress, Central Board, or the United Board, under the provisions of Rule 39 (6), such persons being the representatives of the United Board or Sectional Boards—for attendance at all meetings of such boards or committees, third-class return fares and a travelling allowance at the rate of one halfpenny per mile, and an allowance of 10s. per day for expenses.

(3) To the members of the Central Board for attendance at the Congress, third-class return fares and a travelling allowance at the rate of one halfpenny per mile, and 10s. a day for expenses ;

(4) To the members of the sections attending any meeting by appointment of the section, third-class return fares and a travelling allowance at the rate of one halfpenny per mile, and for expenses, if it is not necessary to stay overnight, 2s. 6d. ; if it is necessary to stay over-

night, 10s. ; and if the time necessarily occupied exceeds twenty-four hours, £1 ;

(5) The United Board may authorise the Sectional Boards respectively to make to members of the sections attending meetings, whether within or beyond the limits of the section, payments in excess of the sums named in clause (4), to any amount not exceeding 10s., to any one person on the same occasion, in such cases and subject to such conditions as the Board prescribes from time to time.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

43. (1) *There shall be a General Secretary of the Union, who shall have the right of attending all meetings of any section or of the United Board, and of taking part in the proceedings thereof, but without the right of voting.*

(2) He shall be appointed and may be removed by the United Board, subject in his appointment to the approval of the following Congress.

(3) He shall summon all meetings of the United Board.

(4) He shall summon all committees appointed by Congress or the Central or United Board, to meet on such day within four weeks after their appointment as he may fix, in all cases where the committee have not previously appointed a day for their first meeting.

(5) He shall be *ex officio* a member of all committees appointed by the Congress, or the Central or United Boards, except a committee to inquire into any matter where he is personally concerned. But he shall not act as secretary of any such committee unless specially appointed either on appointment of the committee or by it.

(6) He shall prepare the draft report of the Central Board to the Congress, and send it not less than five

weeks before the meeting of the Congress to all members of the Board for suggestions, and shall, as far as practicable, embody in the report any such suggestion, other than a suggestion to omit any portion, which shall be complied with only if made by a majority of the Board.

(7) He shall edit the reports of the Congress, subject to any special resolution of the Central Board for the time being.

(8) On his death or resignation, if it takes place between the regular meetings of the United Board, his place shall be filled as the Office Committee direct till the next regular meeting of such Board, which shall proceed to the appointment of another secretary, and provide as it thinks fit for the discharge of the duties of the office till such appointment is made.

OFFICERS OF THE UNION.

44. All permanent officers required to carry on the work of the Union, either at the Central Office or in connection with the Sectional Boards and the various committees, and whose remuneration is paid from the funds of the Union, shall be appointed and removed by the United Board, and shall, as regards all matters of general policy and work, act under the instructions and control of the United Board and the Office Committee, conveyed through the General Secretary, and as regards purely sectional or committee work, under the control of the Sectional Board and their respective committees, subject, however, to such regulations as may be laid down from time to time by the United Board.

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS AND APPLICATION OF PROFITS.

45. *The Union shall have*, in addition to the Central Office, such branch offices in any part of the United Kingdom, with such staffs respectively having such duties and remuneration as the United Board, subject to any resolutions of the Congress or Central Board, may fix from time to time.

46. *The United Board may borrow*, subject to any resolution of the Congress or Central Board, from any person or society, for the purposes of the Union, such sums of money, not exceeding in the whole two-thirds of the estimated income of the Union from all sources at the time, at such rate of interest not exceeding five pounds per centum per annum and on such terms of repayment as are agreed upon, upon the security of bonds under the seal of the Union, attested as is prescribed by Rule 49 (2), and may make any such bond a continuing security for advances to be made to it by any society or person with which it may bank. The Union shall not receive any money on deposit.

47. (1) *The services rendered by the Union* to its members shall, so far as its funds permit, be rendered in consideration of the contributions to be made by them under its rules, without further charge.

(2) *The profits of the Union* arising out of any surplus of its income from all sources, after providing for all expenses connected with the conduct of the said business, according to its rules, shall be carried to a reserve fund, which shall be applicable in such manner as the United Board, subject to any resolution of the Congress or Central Board, from time to time direct, for the promotion of co-operative action among the members of the Union or the public generally—

(1) By means of grants either made to the various sections, or to any co-operative association or other body connected with any such section, under such conditions as the Board fixes from time to time ;

(2) For the establishment or aid of any society ;

(3) For promoting the preparation, publication, or sale of any work on co-operative matters ;

(4) For lectures, meetings, or any other means of propaganda ; or any other operation they may judge expedient for promoting the spread of co-operation, or

of education generally among the members of co-operative societies, or for advancing or defending the interests of societies members of the Union ;

(5) For combined action in connection with any association for the promotion of co-operation in other countries ;

(6) For travelling expenses connected with any such action as aforesaid.

48. *The United Board* may invest, in the corporate name of the Union, any portion of the reserve fund not appropriated as last aforesaid, in such manner as appears to be advantageous to the Union, so that no such investment be made in the shares of any company or society with unlimited liability ; for which purposes the members of the Central Board for the time being named in any such resolution as proxies of the Union, shall be deemed to be members of the Union during such time as any shares in which any such investment is made stand in their names respectively.

VI.—VARIOUS.

USE OF NAME OF THE SOCIETY.

49. (1) *The name of the Union* shall be kept painted and affixed on the outside of every office or place in which the business of the Union is carried on, in a conspicuous position, in letters easily legible, and shall be engraven in legible characters on its seal, and shall be mentioned in legible characters in all notices, advertisements, and other official publications of the Union, and in all bills of exchange, promissory notes, endorsements, cheques, and orders for money and goods, purporting to be signed by or on behalf of the Union, and in all bills of parcels, invoices, receipts, and letters of credit to the Union.

SEAL.

(2) *The Union shall have a seal* bearing the device of a plate with the word “Union” in the centre, and the other words of its name arranged in the margin. It shall be in the custody of the General Secretary, and shall be used only by a resolution of the United Board, attested

by the signature of the Chairman and the General Secretary or their substitutes named in the resolution.

COPIES OF RULES.

50. *Copies of the Rules.*—It shall be the duty of the United Board to provide the secretary with a sufficient number of copies of the rules to enable him to deliver to any person on demand a copy of such rules on payment of a sum not exceeding 6d., and of the secretary to deliver such copies accordingly.

AUDIT.

51. *Accounts.*—The United Board shall once at least in every year submit the accounts of the Union, together with a general statement of the same and all necessary vouchers up to the 31st December then last, for audit, to such one of the public auditors appointed under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1893, as may be elected by the Congress, and shall lay before every meeting of the Congress a balance sheet (which either may or may not be identical with the annual return, but must not be in contradiction to the same), showing the receipts and expenditure, funds and effects of the Union, together with a statement of the affairs of the Union since the last ordinary meeting, and of their then condition. Such auditor shall have access to all the books and accounts of the Union, and shall examine every balance sheet and annual return of the receipts and expenditure, funds and effects of the Union, and shall verify the same with the accounts and vouchers relating thereto, and shall either sign the same as found by them to be correct, duly vouched, and in accordance with law, or shall specially report to the meeting of the Union before which the same is laid in what respects he finds it incorrect, unvouched, or not in accordance with law.

RIGHT OF INSPECTION OF BOOKS.

52. (1) Any member or person having an interest in the funds of the Union may inspect his own account and the books containing the names of the members at all reasonable hours at the registered office of the Union, or at any

place where the same are kept, subject to such regulations as to the time and manner of such inspection as may be made from time to time by the general meetings of the Union

(2) Any ten members, each of whom has been a member of the Union for not less than twelve months, may apply to the Registrar for the appointment of an accountant or actuary to inspect the books of the Union and report thereon. Such accountant or actuary shall have power to make copies of any books of the Union, and to take extracts therefrom at all reasonable hours at the registered office of the Union, or at any place where the books are kept. [See the Act, Section 18 (1), (3).]

ANNUAL RETURN.

53. *Annual Returns*.—(1) Every year before the 31st March, the United Board shall cause the General Secretary to send to the Registrar the Annual Return, in the form prescribed by the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, required by the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1893, of the number of members of the same up to the 31st December then last inclusively, and of the receipts and expenditure, funds and effects of the Union, as audited for submission to the Congress, showing separately the expenditure in respect of the several objects of the society, together with a copy of the auditor's report, if any.

(2) Such return shall state whether the audit has been conducted by a public auditor appointed under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1893, and by whom; and if such audit has been conducted by any persons other than a public auditor, shall state the name, address, and calling or profession of each of such persons, and the manner in which and the authority under which they were respectively appointed.

(3) It shall be the duty of the United Board to provide the General Secretary with a sufficient number of copies of the annual return for supplying gratuitously every member or person interested in the funds of the Union,

on his application, with a copy of the last annual return of the Union for the time being; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to supply such gratuitous copies on application accordingly.

(4) It shall be the duty of the United Board to keep a copy of the last balance sheet of the Union for the time being, together with the report of the auditors (if any) always hung up in a conspicuous place at the registered office of the Union.

INSPECTION BY ORDER OF REGISTRAR.

54. *Inspection by order of the Registrar.*—It shall be the right of one-tenth part of the whole number of members, or if the number of members exceeds 1,000 members, of 100 members, by an application in writing to the Chief Registrar, signed by them in the forms respectively provided by the Treasury Regulations in that behalf—

(a) To apply for the appointment of one or more inspectors to examine into the affairs of the Union and to report thereon;

(b) To apply for the calling of a special meeting of the Central Board, which for this purpose shall have all the powers of the Congress.

Every such application shall be made upon such notice to the Union, and be supported by such evidence for the purpose of showing that the applicants have good reasons for requiring such inspection to be made or meeting to be called, and that they are not actuated by malicious motives in their application, as the Chief Registrar shall direct.

55. *Dissolution.*—The Union may at any time be dissolved—

(1) By consent of three-fourths of the members, testified by their signatures to some instrument of dissolution in the form provided by the Treasury Regulations in that behalf;

(2) By winding up as is provided by the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1893.

VII.—ALTERATION OF RULES.

56. (1) Subject to clause (6), no new rule of the Union shall be made, nor shall any rule be altered or rescinded, except by the vote of the majority of the delegates present and voting at the Congress at the time when the resolution for such alteration is passed.

(2) No such proposal shall be brought before the Congress unless it proceeds from the United Board, or some section, or not fewer than three members of the Union.

(3) All such proposals shall be sent to the Central Office in a distinct form, six weeks at least before the meeting of the Congress, and shall be printed and sent out to all societies, members of the Union, along with the Report of the Central Board and other Congress papers, as provided for in Rule 23, section III.

(4) They shall be brought on immediately after the discussion of the Report, and no amendments thereto shall be received, except such as are made by the United Board, or some Sectional Board, or not fewer than two Societies, members of the Union, and sent in to the General Secretary not less than 14 days before the meeting of the Congress; in the case of the United Board and Sectional Boards, such amendments shall be signed by the Chairman and Secretary; and in the case of two or more Societies, by the Chairman and Secretary of each such Society.

(5) All amendments received in accordance with clause (4) shall be printed and distributed to the delegates at Congress.

(6) The Special Rules regulating nominations and elections in the sections may be varied or rescinded in a manner similar to that in which they may be made.

57. No amendment is valid until it is registered.

58. Rules 15 (c), 18, 26 (3) and (6), 59 (4), and 60 (4). The provisions contained in these rules shall not come into operation until January 1st, 1913, meantime the methods

in regard to nomination, delegation, and voting shall be carried on on similar lines to those in force prior to the registration of this amendment of rules.

VIII.—ADMINISTRATION.

SPECIAL RULES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE CENTRAL BOARD.

A. In the Northern Section—

59. The following Rules are substituted for clauses (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), and (7) of Rule 24 :—

(1) The Northern Sectional District shall be divided into seven electoral districts, each comprising one of the following Conference Associations :—1, North Northumberland ; 2, South Northumberland ; 3, Cumberland and Westmorland ; 4, West Durham and South Northumberland ; 5, East Durham ; 6, South Durham ; 7, Part of South Durham and the North Riding of Yorkshire ;

Which shall respectively have such limits and comprise such societies as the section determines by its resolutions from time to time.

(2) Each Conference Association shall elect one representative to the Section.

(3) In the course of the thirteenth week next preceding the Congress in each year, there shall be sent from the Central Office of the Union to all the societies in each of the Conference Associations which have contributed to the Union during the preceding Congress year not less than the minimum sum required by the rule, papers by which they may nominate a candidate for the Section as a representative from that particular association.

(4) No society can nominate more than one candidate who must be a member of some society, member of the Union, belonging to the association for which he is nominated. He must be a member of the society by which he is nominated. Should any nominated candi-

date be a member of more than one society in different districts, he shall have the choice of the district in which he prefers to stand election, but no candidate shall go to the poll in more than one district.

(5) Nomination papers must be returned to the Central Office within one calendar month from the date on which they are issued, otherwise they shall not be available for the ensuing election.

(6) From the nomination papers shall be prepared voting papers, of which one shall be sent to each society, member of the Union, in the seven Conference Associations which has contributed to the funds of the Union during the year ending December 31st, containing respectively the names of all the candidates nominated for the district in which the society is situated, arranged in alphabetical order, and assigning any candidate who has been nominated for more than one district to the district in which he has elected to stand.

(7) The representative of the district upon the Northern Section shall be, by virtue of his election, a member of the committee of the Conference Association returning him to the Central Board.

(8) The arrangement of nominations, voting, and voting papers, and the declaration of poll, shall be made in manner prescribed by Rule 26.

B. In the North-Western Section—

60. The following Rules are substituted for clauses (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), and (7), of Rule 24 :—

(1) The North-Western Section shall be divided into sixteen electoral districts, comprising the following sixteen Conference Associations:—1, Airedale; 2, Bolton; 3, Calderdale; 4, Cheshire and North Wales; 5, Dewsbury; 6, East Yorkshire; 7, Huddersfield; 8, Macclesfield, Crewe, and District; 9, Manchester; 10, North-East Lancashire; 11, North Lancashire; 12, North Lonsdale; 13, Oldham; 14, Rochdale; 15, Rossendale; 16, South Yorkshire;

Which shall respectively have such limits and comprise such societies as the Sectional Board determines by its resolutions from time to time.

(2) Each electoral district shall elect one representative to the North-Western Section.

(3) In the course of the thirteenth week preceding the Congress in each year, there shall be sent from the Central Office to every society in each electoral district which has contributed to the funds of the Union during the then current Congress year not less than the minimum sum required of it by Rule 10, a paper by which it may nominate a candidate for the Section as a representative for that district.

(4) No society can nominate more than one district candidate, who must be a member of the society by which he is nominated, and must be a member of some society, member of the Union, situate in the district for which the nomination is made. Any person nominated as candidate in more than one electoral district shall have the choice of the district in which he prefers to go to the poll; but no candidate shall go to the poll at the same election in more than one electoral district.

(5) Nomination papers must be returned to the Central Office within one calendar month from the date on which they are issued. A nomination paper not so returned shall not be available for the coming election.

(6) If any candidate has been nominated for more than one district, the names of the respective districts and the time within which the candidate must notify his choice to the Central Office shall be communicated to him as soon as is practicable.

(7) From the nomination papers there shall be prepared voting papers, of which one shall be sent to each society, member of the Union, in the electoral districts above mentioned which has contributed to the funds of the Union in the year ending December 31st not less than the sum stated in Rule 10, and which shall

respectively contain the names of all the candidates nominated for the electoral district where the society is situate, and shall assign any candidate who has been nominated for more than one such district to the district selected by him ; or, if he has not made known his choice by the last day allowed for that purpose, to the district first in numerical order.

(8) No society shall vote for more than one candidate. Voting papers not conformable to this rule shall not be counted by the scrutineers.

(9) The arrangement of nomination and voting papers, and the declaration of the poll, shall be made in manner prescribed by Rule 26, so far as its provisions are not hereby expressly altered.

(10) The four remaining members of the Section shall be elected by the votes of all the societies, members of the Union, in the Section, under Rule 26, which shall apply and be limited to the four members to be so elected.

(11) Subject to any direction hereafter given by the Board, the nomination and voting papers to be issued for the elections to the Board shall be in such form as the said Section from time to time determines.

FORM OF TRANSFER.

61. Transfers shall be in the form following, or as near thereto as the circumstances admit :—

This Instrument, made the day of
between the Society Limited of the
first part, and the Society Limited of
the second part, hereinafter respectively called the vendor
and purchaser, *witnesseth* that in consideration of
paid by the vendor to the purchaser, the receipt whereof
the vendor hereby acknowledges, the vendor, with the
consent of the United Board, testified by the signature
of its secretary hereto, hereby transfers to the purchaser
the share in the Co-operative Union Limited now standing

in the name of the vendor, to hold the said share on the same conditions on which it is now held by the vendor, and that the purchaser hereby accepts the said share subject to the said conditions. *In witness* whereof the undermentioned officers of the said societies and of the United Board have, on behalf of the said societies and by direction of the said Board respectively, set their hands the year and day first aforesaid.

..... *Secretary of the Vendor.*

..... *Secretary of the Purchaser.*

..... *Secretary of the United Board.*

Fylde Industrial Co-operative Society Limited—

WILLIAM BROWN, { Member.

Ashton-under-Lyne Working Men's Co-operative Society Limited—

JAS. THOMPSON, { Member.

Manchester and Salford Equitable Co-operative Society Limited—

A. MAXWELL, { Member.

A. WHITEHEAD, *Secretary.*

Reg. No. 2,783, Lancs., R.

Complete Amendment.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REGISTRY OF
AMENDMENT OF RULES.

The foregoing amendment of the Rules of the CO-OPERATIVE UNION LIMITED is registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1893, this 22nd day of November, 1911.

T. H. H.

Copy kept.—T. H. H.

